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## REPLY UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.111

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Sir:

In response to the Examiner's Office Action dated December 15, 2006, the following amendments and remarks are respectfully submitted in connection with the above-identified application.

This reply contains:

Amendment to the claims beginning on page 2;

Remarks beginning on page 6.